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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 224  
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A RESOLUTION To honor the Reverend Amos Baker, Sr. of  
Chattanooga and thank him for his years of  
service to the youth of his city.

WHEREAS, This General Assembly is pleased to recognize the outstanding service of  
citizens of this State who exert themselves in behalf of their fellow Tennesseans, especially our  
children; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Amos Baker, Sr. of Chattanooga is one such committed  
Tennessean, who, for eight years, has worked to see that the youth from Chattanooga are able  
to attend the Representative Tommie Brown Day on the Hill in Nashville; the Reverend Baker  
persuaded members of the Carver Recreation Center community advisory board that the youth  
of the city would respond positively to such a trip and successfully secured the first outing to  
Capitol Hill in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, In March of 1994, the Reverend Baker accompanied Representative  
Tommie Brown to assist her with the seventy Chattanooga youth who accompanied her to the  
initial event; the subsequent annual trips have built on that initial success; and

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WHEREAS, The Reverend Amos Baker, Sr. is the founder and President of the People Wanting a Change organization (PWAC) and has initiated a program in the City of Chattanooga called Stop the Violence; he works out of a local community center in Chattanooga with the Hamilton County School Prevention/Intervention Program; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Baker and his wife, Wanda, operate the A&W Tutoring Center, where they both tutor youth in Chattanooga; A&W Tutoring Center students have gone on to make the star roll in their local schools; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Amos Baker, Sr. has been appointed as Assistant District Commissioner of the Chattanooga Mission West District of the Chattanooga Cherokee Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America; he also leads Boy Scout Charter Troop 920; and

WHEREAS, On February 27, 2001, the Reverend Baker was honored at a Black History Month ceremony by leaders of Chattanooga and Hamilton County for his fourteen years of outstanding service to the youth of his community; and

WHEREAS, The youth of Chattanooga and Hamilton County and the citizens of Tennessee are indeed fortunate to have among us fellow citizens as committed and dedicated to improving the prospects of our youth as the Reverend Amos Baker, Sr.; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the Reverend Amos Baker, Sr. of Chattanooga for his years of outstanding and unswerving service to the youth of his community, thank him for both his ministry and his commitment to improving the lives of those with whom he comes in contact, and wish him every success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.